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CDC Telebriefing: New Vital Signs Report

Media Advisory

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What

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) anticipates that 2020 will be another outbreak year for acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), an uncommon but serious neurologic condition. According to the latest [CDC Vital Signs](#) report, over half of patients with AFM in 2018 – the most recent and largest outbreak of AFM – were admitted to the ICU, and 1 in 4 of those patients required a ventilator. Pediatricians and frontline providers in emergency departments and urgent care centers should be prepared to quickly recognize AFM and immediately hospitalize patients.

Who

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When

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TRANSCRIPT

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